

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,634,536 to *Yoshie*.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoshie*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,460,313 to *Magnusson et al.* ("*Magnusson*").

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5 is allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have rewritten claim 3, and cancelled claims 2 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 3 and 5-6 are presently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 5. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, as suggested in the Office Action, to pass it onto allowance.

All Claims Comply With 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Yoshie*.

Applicants have cancelled claim 2 in order to expedite the prosecution of this case. Thus, the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

All Claims Comply With 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yoshi* in view of *Magnusson*. Applicants have cancelled claim 4 in order to expedite the prosecution of this case. Thus, the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the amendments to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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